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[redacted] primarily concerned with imminence of hostilities. Matters of priority importance for early warning are dealt with in full detail in this report. Topics not primarily of importance as imminence indicators have only been touched on here [redacted]

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I. Military

1. [redacted] the following information about the unit [redacted]

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(a) [redacted] it was an antiaircraft artillery regiment (artilleriyskiy zenitniy polk).

(b) The subordination of the unit was unknown.

(c) The actual strength and the authorized unit strength were unknown. However, [redacted] the regiment [redacted] consist of the following:

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- (1) One 85 mm antiaircraft gun battery, the strength of which was unknown.
- (2) Three or four 57 mm antiaircraft gun batteries, the strengths of which were unknown.
- (3) The Fifth Battery (pyataya batareya), which was probably a provisional battery [redacted] was made up of 50 trainees, three cadre officers, and three cadre noncommissioned officers. [redacted] over 90 percent of these trainees had no previous military training.
- (d) The winter quarters of the unit were located in Uzhgorod (N48-38 E22-16), Ukrainian SSR, on Mukachevskaya ulitsa. The summer camp was located in Lesiyets, which was approximately 10 to 12 kilometers from Stanislav (N 48-56 E 24-42), Ukrainian SSR.
- (e) No other training areas were used, other than those listed under "d".
- (f) [redacted] the regiment was located in Uzhgorod.
- (g) [redacted]
- (h) The unit commanding officer was Colonel Sagach (fnu).
- (i) The major items of equipment held by the unit were:
- (1) An unknown number of 85 mm antiaircraft guns.
- (2) An unknown number of 57 mm S-60 antiaircraft guns. [redacted] eight 57 mm S-60 antiaircraft guns were assigned to a battery in wartime and six were assigned to a battery in peacetime. [redacted] the S-60 57mm gun as a four-wheel mounted gun, weighing approximately 4,600 kilograms and capable of either off-carriage firing by an unidentified radar or by an unidentified PUAZO (pribor upravleniya artilleriyskim zenitnym ognem - antiaircraft director), or on-carriage firing. As many as eight 57 mm guns could be plugged into the battery junction box in remote-control firing. The maximum rate of automatic fire of the gun is 60 rounds per minute. Its maximum effective range is 4,800 meters, and its initial muzzle velocity is 1,000 meters per second. The gun crew, which included the gun commander, was made up of eight individuals.

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- (3) Approximately six unidentified radar vans.
- (4) Approximately six unidentified PUAZO anti-aircraft directors.
- (5) An unknown number of Studebaker, GAZ-51, and ZIS-151 cargo trucks.
- (6) *Hyland* An unknown number of unidentified tracked prime movers. These unidentified tracked prime movers were to replace Studebaker trucks as prime movers for the antiaircraft weapons in the regiment. However, as of July 1956, Studebaker trucks were still being used.
- (7) An unknown number of unidentified two-way portable radio sets.
- (8) An unknown number of small arms.¹

- (j) Type of recent training received: [redacted] unit [redacted]
[redacted] received basic and antiaircraft artillery training [redacted]
[redacted] also received an unknown number of hours of training in individual defense against atomic attacks. [redacted]
[redacted] training did not include any training films, nor was any special-type equipment discussed.

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2. Other installations and units [redacted]

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- (a) An unidentified antiaircraft regiment moved into the summer camp area [redacted]

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- (b) Unidentified mechanized or tank elements were located in a casern adjoining [redacted] anti-aircraft regiment's casern in Uzhgorod. [redacted] saw either unidentified self-propelled guns or unidentified tanks, or both, in this area [redacted]

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- (c) [redacted]

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(d) [redacted] the location of, the following installations:

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- (1) An unidentified military airfield, located at Stanislav.
- (2) An unidentified military airfield, located at Stryy (N 49-15, E 23-50), Ukrainian SSR.
- (3) An unidentified military airfield, located at Mukachevo.
- (4) An unidentified military airfield, located at Bushtino (N 48-04, E 23-28), Ukrainian SSR.
- (5) An unidentified POL dump, located approximately six to eight kilometers from Mukachevo.
- (6) The Svalyava Wood and Chemical Plant i/n Stalin (svalyavskiy leso-khimicheskiy zavod imeni Stalina), located in Svalyava, approximately 28 kilometers northeast of Mukachevo.

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5. [redacted] the age class of the Fifth Battery was composed of draftees who had been born from 1923 to 1930, inclusive. These draftees, who were all Ruthenians and Moldavians, underwent a two-month training period. The remainder of the regiment was made up of regular conscripts whose

[redacted] births were from 1934 to 1936. [redacted] Ruthenian had been drafted for a full conscript term until approximately seven years after the Soviet occupation of this former Czechoslovakia territory, which occurred in 1945. The reason for this was the possible political unreliability of this group.

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6. [redacted]

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7. [redacted] no significant increase in aircraft at airfields [redacted] noted the appearance of two unidentified helicopters which landed at the Mukachevo Airfield [redacted] and remained there several days before departing. [redacted]

8-18. [redacted]

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19. [] all radar is operated 24 hours a day, but with incomplete crews during the night hours. 25X1

20. [] all antiaircraft positions are manned 24 hours a day, but with incomplete crews during the night hours. 25X1

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II. Civilian

[] no information of an emergency nature [] 25X1

III. Intelligence Activities

[] no information of an emergency nature concerning intelligence activities directed against the West. 25X1

1. [] Comment: From the description [] of these small arms, they were probably SKS carbines (simenov karabin samozaryadnyy), Kalashnikov submachine guns, and unidentified large pistols with wooden holsters. 25X1

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